IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A base assembly, comprising

a frame system;

a plurality of receiving members coupled to the frame system; and

at least one coupling apparatus, whereby the coupling apparatus is designed to couple or to facilitate coupling of the base assembly to a load component, and

wherein the base assembly provides consistent aeration and reasonably dry conditions under the load component.

2. (Original) The base assembly of claim 1, wherein the frame system comprises at least two parallel beams.

3. (Original) The base assembly of claim 2, wherein the frame system comprises at least one cross beam.

4. (Original) The base assembly of claim 1, wherein the frame system comprises a square, a rectangular, a triangular or a hexagonal configuration.

5. (Currently Amended) The base assembly of claim 4, wherein the frame system comprises [[a]] the rectangular configuration.

6. (Original) The base assembly of claim 1, further comprising at least one additional frame system coupled to the base assembly.

7. (Original) The base assembly of claim 1, wherein the receiving members comprise tubes or channels.

8. (Original) The base assembly of claim 1, wherein the receiving members are structurally reinforced.

9. (Original) The base assembly of claim 1, wherein the base assembly comprises steel.

10. (Original) The base assembly of claim 1, wherein the coupling apparatus comprises at least one of a soldering joint, a bolt/nut/washer apparatus, an adhesive component, a molding component, a grip component or a combination thereof.

11. (Currently Amended) The base assembly of claim 10, wherein the coupling apparatus comprises the at least one nut/bolt/washer apparatus.

12. (Original) The base assembly of claim 11, where the coupling apparatus further comprises a sheer.

13. (Original) The base assembly of claim 12, wherein the sheer is ¼ inch in height.

14. (Original) The base assembly of claim 1, wherein the load component comprises a remote enclosure system.

15. (Original) The base assembly of claim 1, wherein the load component is a wine, liquor or beer barrel or drum.

16. (Original) A load assembly, comprising:

the base assembly of claim 1; and

a load component.

17. (Original) The load assembly of claim 16, wherein the load component comprises a remote enclosure system.

18. (Original) The load assembly of claim 16, wherein the load component is a wine, liquor or beer barrel or drum.

19. (Original) A method of producing a load assembly, comprising:

providing the base assembly of claim 1;

providing a load component; and

coupling the base assembly and the load component.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the frame system comprises at least two parallel beams.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the frame system comprises at least one cross beam.

22. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the frame system comprises a square, a rectangular, a triangular or a hexagonal configuration.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein the frame system comprises [[a]] the rectangular configuration.

24. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising at least one additional frame system coupled to the base assembly.

25. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the receiving members comprise tubes or channels.

26. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the receiving members are structurally reinforced.

27. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the base assembly comprises steel.

28. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the coupling apparatus comprises at least one of a soldering joint, a bolt/nut/washer apparatus, an adhesive component, a molding component, a grip component or a combination thereof.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein the coupling apparatus comprises the at least one nut/bolt/washer apparatus.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29, where the coupling apparatus further comprises a sheer.

31. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the sheer is ¼ inch in height.

32. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the load component comprises a remote enclosure system.

33. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the load component is a wine, liquor or beer barrel or drum.

34. (Original) A method of using a load assembly, comprising:

using the base assembly of claim 1;

using a load component; and

coupling the base assembly and the load component.